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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

In addition, Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending patent applications which may be material to the present application;

09/802,696 – filed 3/9/01 entitled Dispersion Compensating Optical Fiber

60/271,754 – filed 2/26/01 entitled Waveguide Fiber for Dispersion and Slope Compensation

60/304,662 – filed 7/11/01 entitled Dispersion and Slope Compensating Optical Fiber and Transmission Line Including Same

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Applicant(s) further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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